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Mitchell “Mick” Zais serves as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, and brings to the Department extensive experience in education and leadership. Prior to joining the Department, he was elected South Carolina’s State Superintendent of Education.

Mick also served for ten years as President of Newberry College, and spent six years as Commissioner of Higher Education where he represented South Carolina’s 21 private colleges and universities.

Growing up in a military family, Mick attended ten public schools in twelve years, including three high schools. He graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served thirty-one years on active duty in the Army, as an infantry, airborne, Ranger. He retired as a Brigadier General.